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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that young persons turning 18 years have seamless access to specialist prescriptions for medications such as Ritalin given that the adult waiting list can be up to three years' duration in which persons are then without vital medications due to the fact that general practitioners cannot prescribe same; if he will address the planning situation for these prescriptions in north County Kildare specifically; and if he will make a statement on the matter -Réada Cronin

Dear Deputy Cronin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE has recently drafted communication to all Executive Clinical Directors and the Heads of Mental Health Services nationally regarding referrals for adults with possible ADHD.

The ADHD in Adults National Clinical Programme's Model of Care was launched on the 14th January, 2021. When fully implemented, 11 Adult ADHD Clinics will be established nationally to provide assessment and multi-modal treatment in the CHOs in line with the Model of Care.

Until local Adult ADHD Clinics are established nationally in line with the Model of Care, all Adult Mental Health Teams (AMHTs) should continue to assess and treat people referred with ADHD who are known to have high rates of co-morbid mental health disorders, particularly anxiety and depression. Local AMHTs should respond to referrals from adults with possible ADHD, including patients who have transitioned from CAMHS, in the same way as they do for other mental disorders.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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